

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1 and 3 through 5 to read, as follows.

1. **(Currently Amended)** An image forming apparatus comprising:
  - a developing device containing developer including toner and carrier, said developing device including a first chamber for developing an electrostatic image formed on an image bearing member, and a second chamber constituting a developer circulating route between said second chamber and said first chamber;
  - a carrying member rotatably provided in said second chamber for carrying the developer;
  - a rotary member holding said developing device and rotatable in a route including a developing position;
  - supplying means for supplying the developer to said developing device, which is in said developing position;
  - an opening provided in said second chamber for outwardly discharging therethrough ~~[[any]]~~ excess developer resulting from the supply of the developer;
  - an opening and closing member for opening and closing said opening by operation of gravity with the rotation of said rotary member; and
  - ~~a protruding portion of a wall portion~~ provided in ~~[[of]]~~ said second chamber and being opposite to a space created by an opening of said opening and closing member near said opening and closing member on a side of said opening and closing member, on a side on which said opening and closing member is opened, said wall protruding portion protruding toward an inside of said second chamber.

2. **(Original)** An image forming apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said wall portion is provided between said opening and said carrying member so as to narrow a developer containing space in said second chamber.

3. **(Currently Amended)** An image forming apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein said opening is located above said wall portion such that [[when]] the excess developer can be discharged through said opening.

4. **(Currently Amended)** An image forming apparatus according to Claim 2 or 3, wherein said second chamber includes [[has]] a substantially U-shaped cross section, and said wall portion is provided so as to protrude from a straight portion of the U-shaped cross section ~~U-shape~~ toward said carrying member side.

5. **(Currently Amended)** An image forming apparatus according to Claim 1, comprising a plurality of developing devices held by said rotary member, ~~devices~~, wherein said rotary member locates any one of said plurality of developing devices held by said rotary member in said developing position.

6. **(Canceled)**